



# Reopening Brown County

Recommendations from  
Public Health

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# Background Information

COVID-19 is an easily transmittable communicable disease spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person and has achieved worldwide pandemic status.

**68.4 million**  
positive cases  
world wide

**15.2 million**  
positive cases  
in USA

**448,000**  
positive cases  
in Wisconsin

COVID-19 is currently present and is being actively transmitted in Brown County, Wisconsin. As of December 9, 2020, there are 23,110 confirmed positive cases in Brown County, with 20,109 cases out of isolation, and 125 deaths.

Wisconsin saw meaningful benefits from statewide public health practices which aimed to flatten the curve of COVID-19 infection. The goal of these practices was to slow the spread of the virus, preserve healthcare resources, and save lives in Wisconsin.

These are voluntary actions that everyone in the community can take to stay healthy and maintain a thriving Brown County. For updated information, visit [www.stayhealthybc.com](http://www.stayhealthybc.com).



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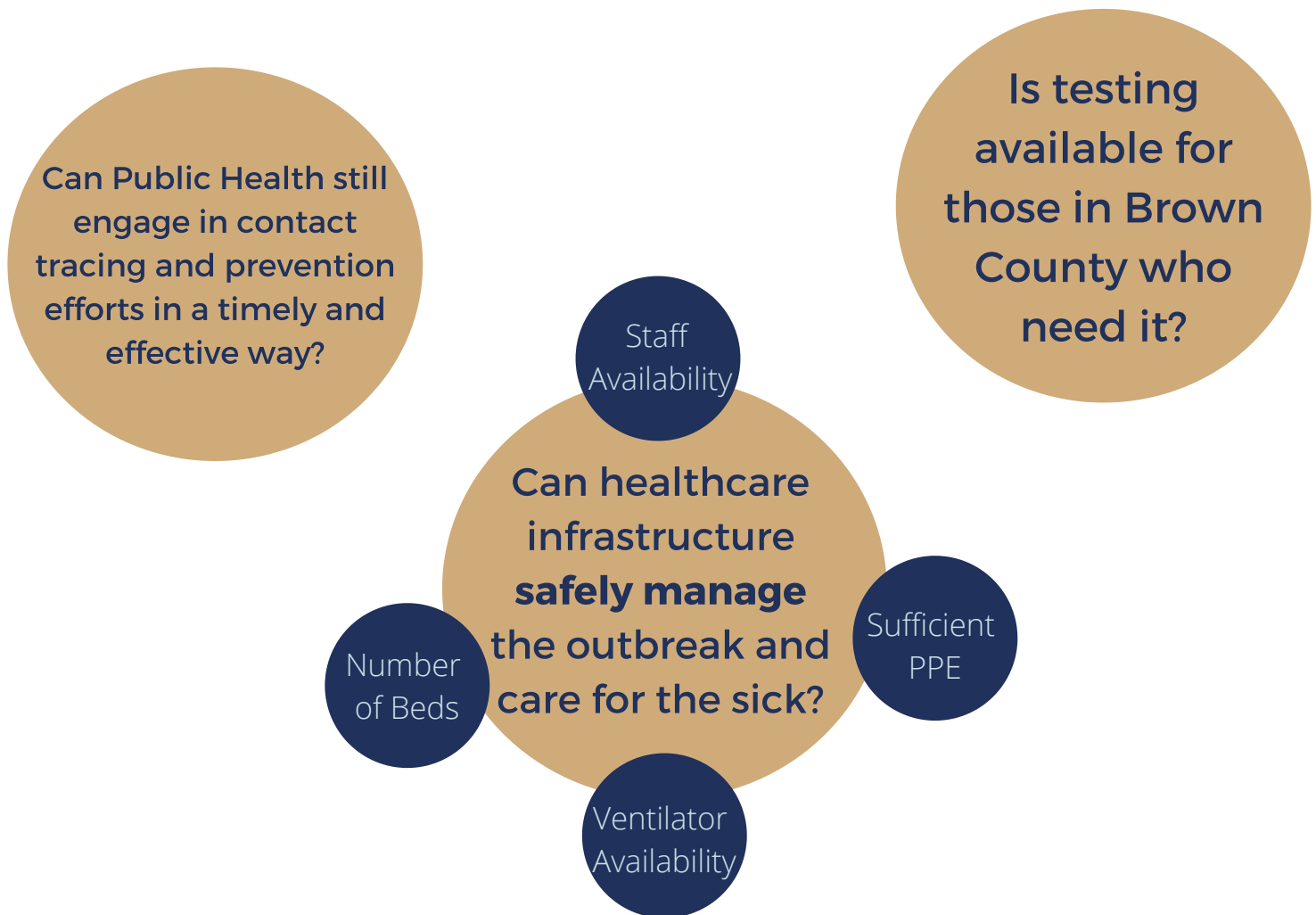


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# Introduction

For our economy to safely recover and thrive, every citizen, business owner, faith leader, community leader, and others should do their part to make responsible choices to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Brown County encourages businesses, event sponsors, and others to maintain distancing measures and engage in best practices for safe social interactions. Public Health will update our guidance based on the following factors:



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# Individual Guidance

Decisions about patronizing or holding an event should be made with consideration of how to do so safely and in line with public health recommendations and best practices.



Individuals should consider the implications of major events and activities, including upcoming holidays. Increased travel and the gathering of people from different communities can increase the risk of a resurgence of positive cases, which can have long-term economic and community health impacts.

## Mass Gathering Best Practices

- Provide hand washing or sanitation stations for individuals who attend.
- Encourage social distancing of six (6) feet between people.
- Post notices that identify the symptoms of COVID 19 and encourage people who have symptoms to not attend or enter the gathering.
- Consider refund and cancellation policies that discourage people from attending when they are sick.

### Lowest Risk

**Staying at Home; virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings.**

### More Risk

Smaller outdoor and in person gatherings in which individuals from different households remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, wear masks, do not share objects, and come from the same local area.

### Higher Risk

Medium sized in person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.

### Highest Risk

Large in person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>



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# Individual Guidance

As an individual, you have a responsibility to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19. To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and play a role in protecting yourself and your community, please consider following the below best practices. It is up to you and others to assist Public Health in stopping the spread of COVID-19.



## **General Best Practices**

- Social distance, maintaining six (6) feet between people.
- Wear cloth face coverings (masks) when out in public.
- Practice good hand hygiene: wash your hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol), especially after touching frequently used items/surfaces.
- Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve, tissue, or elbow, not hands).
- Clean/sanitize frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid going to places where safety measures are not in place.
- If you are sick, stay home and call your healthcare provider about testing.
- Limit travel to reduce the potential for virus transmission.



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